



**Cortland County
Agriculture, Planning &
Environmental
Committee
Committee Meeting
~ Minutes ~**

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
www.cortlandcountyny.gov

Thursday, March 12, 2026

10:00 AM

Room 302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Committee Chair McGovern.

Roll Call

PRESENT:	Legislator Reed Cleland, Legislator Beau Harbin, Legislator Paul Heider, Legislator Jason Prentice, Minority Leader Sandra Price, Committee Vice-Chair Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Chair William McGovern
ABSENT:	
EXCUSED:	
OTHERS PRESENT:	
Ashley Millard	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Michael Ponticiello	County Administrator
Kelly Guy	Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension
Cathy Heller	Finance Coordinator Cornell Cooperative Extension
Michael Boccuzzi	Senior Planner At Central New York Regional Planning Development Board
Isabell Wilson	Planner at Central New York Regional Planning Development Board
Trisch Hiemstra	Planning Director
Melissa Potter	Mobility Manager
Jessica Leet	Planning Executive Assistant
Lilian Jensen	Mobility Coordinator
Amanda Barber	Soil & Water Conservation District Director
Andrea Herzog	Finance Director
Christopher Newell	Legislator
Cathy Bischoff	Legislator
Morgan Spaulding	Grant Administrator
Sidney Lee	Cortland Standard Reporter
Nicole Compton	County Attorney Executive Assistant (Remote)
Jeri DuVall	Chief Assistant County Attorney (Remote)

Approval of Minutes

1. **Agriculture, Planning & Environmental Committee Minutes - February 12, 2026**

RESULT:	APPROVED
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Resolutions

ON MOTION OF WILLIAM MCGOVERN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

Affirming Recommendations for Appointment to the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CENTRO) Board

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Authorities Law §1328, the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority was created by the State of New York; AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to said law, the Cortland County Legislature is required to submit to the Governor of the State of New York the names of individuals recommended for appointment to the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority Board, with such appointments subject to the advice and consent of the New York State Senate; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature previously adopted Resolution No. 86-25 recommending individuals for appointment to the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority; AND

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to affirm those recommendations; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby affirms its recommendation that the following individuals be appointed to serve on the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority Board:

Jennifer Hillman
Greg Richards

; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Cortland County Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York and to the Secretary of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7 TO 0)
MOVER:	Legislator Beau Harbin
SECONDER:	Minority Leader Sandra Price
AYES:	Reed Cleland, Beau Harbin, Paul Heider, Jason Prentice, Sandra Price, Mitchel Eccleston, William McGovern
NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	
ABSENT:	

Proposed Local Law "E" of 2026 - A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 9 of 2022, Which Amended Local Law No. 3 of 1975, as Previously Amended, to Change the Name of the Planning Department to the Department of Planning and Economic Development and the Title of the Director to Director of Planning and Economic Development

WHEREAS, said Local Law has been in final form upon the desks of the members of the Legislature at least seven (7) calendar days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to this date; AND

WHEREAS, a public hearing thereon has been held before this Legislature after publication of notice thereof as legally required; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ENACTED by the Cortland County Legislature as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The Cortland County Legislature previously amended Local Law No. 3 of 1975 through the adoption of Local Law No. 9 of 2022 to modernize and clarify the structure of the County Planning Department. The Legislature further recognizes that the responsibilities of the department have evolved to include significant economic development functions in addition to traditional planning responsibilities.

The Cortland County Legislature also adopted Resolution No. 35-23, which reallocated the position of Director of Planning to Grade 3 within the County's Management Compensation Schedule and revised the duties of the position to include responsibilities related to economic development.

The purpose of this Local Law is to formally recognize and reflect the expanded scope of responsibilities by renaming the Planning Department as the Department of Planning and Economic Development and updating the title of the Department Head accordingly.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF 2022

Local Law No. 9 of 2022, which amended Local Law No. 3 of 1975 as previously amended, is hereby further amended so that all references to the Planning Department shall hereafter refer to the Department of Planning and Economic Development.

SECTION 3. TITLE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD

All references to the Director of Planning shall hereafter refer to the Director of Planning and Economic Development, who shall serve as the administrative head of the department. The Director of Planning and Economic Development shall assume and perform all duties, powers, and responsibilities of the Director of Planning as previously prescribed by law, in addition to any other duties assigned by local law, resolution, or directive of the Cortland County Legislature.

SECTION 4. CONTINUITY OF AUTHORITY

The renaming of the department and modification of the title of the Department Head shall not affect the existing powers, duties, responsibilities, functions, contracts, or obligations previously assigned to the Planning Department or its Director. All such powers and responsibilities shall continue in full force under the Department of Planning and Economic Development and the Director of Planning and Economic Development.

SECTION 5. REFERENCES

Any reference in any local law, resolution, policy, contract, agreement, record, or other official document of the County referring to the Planning Department or Director of Planning shall be deemed to refer to the Department of Planning and Economic Development and the Director of Planning and Economic Development.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7 TO 0)
MOVER:	Minority Leader Sandra Price
SECONDER:	Legislator Beau Harbin
AYES:	Reed Cleland, Beau Harbin, Paul Heider, Jason Prentice, Sandra Price, Mitchel Eccleston, William McGovern
NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	
ABSENT:	

Monthly Reports

1. **Cornell Cooperative Extension Monthly Report**

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. **Soil & Water Conservation Monthly Report**

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. **Planning Department Monthly Report**

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Discussion Items

1. **Climate Smart Communities Presentation**

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. **Committee Name Change**

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County

Kelly Guy: Executive Director

Highlights:

- Cornell Leader as Coach Training
- Cornell Small Farms Leadership Embodiment Training
- Tri-State American Camp Association Conference in Atlantic City, NJ
- Cornell Organic Field Crops and Dairy Conference
- Mental Health First Aid Trainer Opportunity
- Cornell Students from Art, Architecture and Planning school visited Camp Owahta
- Department of Health Meeting for Camp Operations 2026

On the Horizon: Central New York Community Fund Youth Collaboration, Chamber of Commerce Showcase event. Agriculture Literacy week in local schools, Agriculture Luncheon, Cornell University visit for student Mid-Term project

South Central Dairy and Field Crop Program

Janice Degni: Regional Field Crops Specialist, Betsy Hicks: Regional Dairy Specialist

- **Understanding the Benefit and Logistics of Dairy and Crop Farmers Sharing Manure**
Union Springs, NY
CCE Cayuga Cayuga, PRODAIRY, and the SCNY Regional Team, will be hosting their March shop meeting "Understanding the Benefit and Logistics of Dairy and Crop Farmers Sharing Manure." The event is designed to connect dairy and crop farmers interested in exploring manure-sharing arrangements as a practical strategy for reducing input costs and improving nutrient management on both sides of the equation. Workshop from 12:30 - 3 PM.
- **Dairy Support Services Company Spring Safety Meeting March 13** CNY Farm Supply, Cortland. This meeting is targeted at both experienced and new farm workers and ag service contractors who are operating trucks and ag equipment while applying manure and harvesting crops. Safety is paramount in these roles. There will be CAFO training credits available for farms that need them.
- **2026 Ag Summit in Cortland NY March 19** CNY Living History Museum Cortland, NY
To honor and celebrate National Agriculture Week we are holding an Ag Summit. Registration opens at 11 am. Program will begin at 11:30 with Lunch and Awards. This is our opportunity to reconnect after a long winter and celebrate Agriculture and our farmers who produce our food. The National 2026 celebration will recognize 250 years of agricultural progress in conjunction with the US semi quincentennial. All are invited but need to pre-register.
https://scnydfc.cce.cornell.edu/event_preregistration_new.php?id=2723
- **From Dry to Fresh -- Setting Up Cows for Success March 18** Green Hill Dairy, Scipio Center, NY. This one-day on-farm program will be offered in four different regions across the state in March 2026. Topics covered will include dry cow management, calving model demonstration, fresh cow health check-ups and facility considerations. This

program will include presentations and hands-on demonstrations on farm, and it will be offered in both English and Spanish depending on demand. This program is intended for 'boots on the ground' employees and agri-service people who work directly with cows.

On the Horizon: 2026 Business Development and Marketing Monthly Webinar Series, Virtual Climate Resiliency Webinar & Workshop Series, NY Annie's Project: How to Diversify or Scale with Confidence for Profitability Team Events Calendar: https://scnydfc.cce.cornell.edu/events.php?date=01_2026

4- H Team

Rebecca Ireland-Perry: 4-H Team Leader, Abby Thomas: 4-H/Agriculture Educator

Highlights:

- Regional Horse Bowl and Dairy Bowl competitions will be held March 21st in Greene, NY.
- The regional livestock skill-a-thon contest will be held in April. Regional hippology will be held in May.
- 4-H Sewing and Needle Arts camp was held February 17-20th during the school break week to introduce youth to learning machine sewing and the needle art of needle and wet felting. Youth expressed interest in continuing workshops to further their skill in these, and additional, needle arts.
- Public presentations are scheduled for March 11th and 14th. Public presentations is one of 4-H's most beneficial and rewarding experiences and is the one most often credited by 4-H alumni as having given them an edge above peers in both college and professional careers.
- The tractor certification class begins March 19th. Registration is still open. If you know of any youth ages 14 and up that are looking for certification, to get employment on a farm, please direct them to our website for registration.
- Our Market Sale Info Meeting held on Wednesday February 4th had about 20-25 kids join us. We are going to see a spike in numbers this year for kids participating. Our Market Sale will be Friday July 10th, 2026, at 6pm at the Cortland County Fair Grounds
- The Master Gardener Volunteers have started planning on doing workshops with Matt Hollenbeck, one will be about pruning apple trees and the other will be about grafting seedlings to trees. These Should take place in March.
- February 23rd, I went to a local 4-H club the Dairy Dreamers do give them a demonstration about how to felt with wool after they learned all things sheep care.

On the Horizon: Livestock Skill-a-thon Practices will begin we have 11 kids participating on the team this year. Will be attending the AG Luncheon on March 19 at 11AM-4PM, Also will be helping judge 4-H public Presentations for our county.

Camp Owahta

Rachel Bortin: Outdoor Recreation

Director **Highlights:**

- Camp Brochure and Hiring Brochure were created with the new logo! They are being used at career fairs and posting throughout the community
- All summer camp 2026 positions are posted on Workday, Handshake and the NYS DOL Virtual Career Center
- Camp registration successfully opened on February 16, and we currently have 58 camp registrations!
- We met with Centro officials, and we are officially partnering with them to provide bussing to and from camp (day camp only)
- Weekly/Twice a week posts on Facebook, boosting camp engagement; camper recruitment and current summer 2026 positions
- Attended our first career fair of the season at ESF! In the student survey, our table was mentioned to be "one of the most memorable"
- Cornell AAP Students learned the history of 4-H Camp Owahta and toured camp. It was a huge success despite the cold, snow and timing logistics
- Rachel met with the SUNY Cortland Students for the Community Innovation Lab Project and the group is very dedicated to helping 4-H Camp Owahta become a sustainable entity. Their goal is to provide us with a solid marketing plan and business plan with a "deep dive" into a few key events we could conduct each year. Each member of the team has a connection to summer camp, which is a plus!
- Met with Matthew from Camp ARCO and plan to bring youth from their program to 4-H Camp Owahta, as it has been done in the past
- Met with Josh Felver from Binghamton University to discuss Rachel becoming a Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainer for our SBN and nearby communities

On the Horizon: Creation of a new 4-H Camp Owahta Instagram account. Are scheduled to attend 5 career/interest fairs in March! (SUNY Oswego, TC3, The Showcase in Cortland, Ithaca College, SUNY Cortland Career Fair). Sending out 4-H Camp Owahta postcards to Cortland County residences. Starting summer camp 2026 interviews. Tri-State Camp Conference. Cornell AAP Midterm Project Review/Feedback.



Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District

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www.cortlandswcd.org

SWCD...established to promote the conservation and wise use of our county's natural resources

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT – March 2026

From: Amanda Barber, SWCD Manager

March 5, 2026

AGRICULTURE AND PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION

Agricultural Nonpoint Abatement and Control Program (AGNP) – Construction projects are on hold due to the weather. Contract extensions for Ruschmann and Ullrich were approved to allow for completion in the spring, with project payments and grant close-outs to follow. Design work and coordination for Round 29 and 30 projects continues. The Murray Round 29 project closeout is underway.

The RFP was released for AGNP Round 31 with proposals due Monday April 20, 2026 @ 4:30 PM. We currently have two project proposals in development.

Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) –Tuning heavy use area protection and waste storage are complete including project payment and closeout. Whey Street silage leachate management project and New Hope View heavy use area protection projects are still in the closeout stage with as-builts complete and reimbursement payments planned for this month. The entire AEM Base Program-Round 18 closeout is underway. AEM Base Program 19 runs from January 2026 until December 2028.

Climate Resilient Farming – The Hunts Creek/Marathon/Milton Parker project grant closeout is underway. New Hope View and EZ Acres silage leachate control and irrigation designs are complete and projects are advancing. Additional projects: two ponds and one tree planting/fencing project are also in the design phase.

We are busy finishing soil group worksheet requests from local landowners for their Agricultural Assessment Applications.

COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Little York Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (LYLPRD) –Preparations and planning for lake management activities are underway.

Upper Susquehanna and Chesapeake Bay Watershed –The Trees For Tribes program will provide free trees for riparian buffers in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Landowners with land adjacent to streams are eligible to apply. We are also providing assistance for upland planting projects for afforestation or reforestation through the Planting with Purpose project. Contact

SWCD as soon as possible, if interested, for assistance with planning and completing applications for trees.

Finger Lakes Watershed – We are evaluating several stream restoration projects with the Town of Virgil, as well as planning for buffers, upland tree plantings, and prescribed grazing with landowners in the Finger Lakes watershed. Funding is available to cost-share a variety of conservation practices and interested landowners should contact the office for more information and technical assistance.

Landfill Environmental Monitoring - We continue to work on reports and have successfully negotiated monitoring adjustments for 2026. Monitoring for 2026 began with 1st quarter field work the end of last month. We provided feedback, comments and suggestions on the new proposed draft landfill permit.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION/PROGRAMS/ADMINISTRATION

The Spring Planting program online shop is open with forty-three different species available for purchase including several new native plant species this year. Please share the information and link. <https://cortlandsoilandwaterconservationdistrict.myshopify.com/> The link and other information is also on our website home page. www.cortlandswcd.org

Our pond stocking program offers several species of fish available for purchase and local pick-up. <https://cortlandsoilandwaterconservationdistrict.myshopify.com/pages/pond-stocking>
Other pond management accessories are also available. The pond stocking program information, including links to permits can be found on our website at <https://cortlandswcd.org/sales/annual-pond-stocking-sale/>

An Ag Celebration Luncheon and educational workshops will be held on March 19th at the CNY Living History Center. Please encourage farmers and ag supporters to register for the luncheon and/or workshops. https://scnydfc.cce.cornell.edu/event_preregistration_new.php?id=2723
Attendance is free thanks to the financial support of the event coordinators and other sponsors like Dryden Bank, Farm Credit, and Tompkins Community Bank.

We continue work on the 2025 SWCD Annual Report. All of our state soil and water reports due on February 15th were submitted and approved. Our Annual Treasurers report was put on extension and will be submitted this month.

Staff visited Albany last month to meet with our local representatives and other legislators about local and statewide conservation priorities and to share the great work and accomplishments of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in NYS. Barber was a panel member at a recent Chesapeake Bay Conference in Gettysburg, and staff will be teaching and attending training at the Water Quality Symposium in Rochester next week.

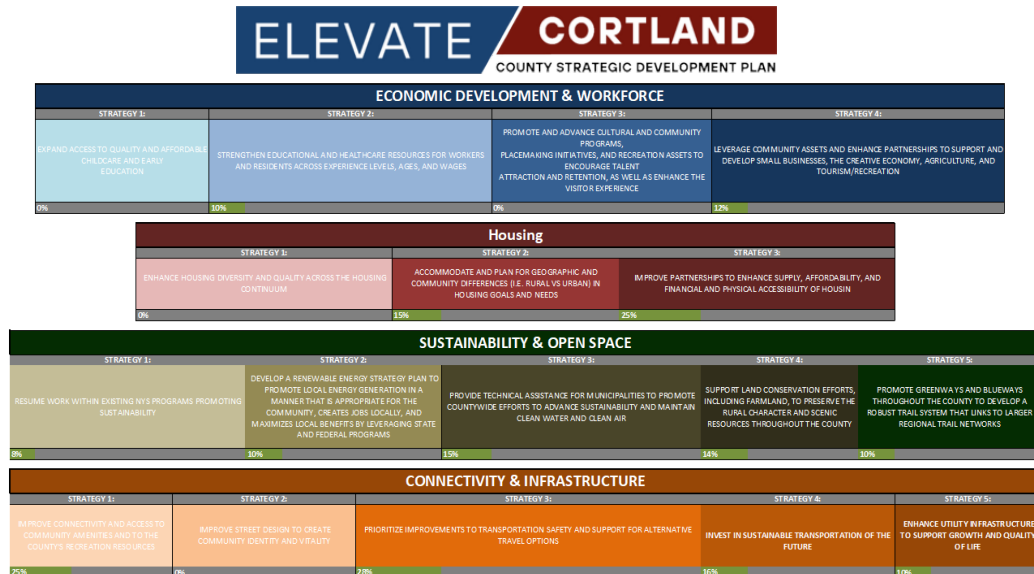
ACTIVITY REPORT



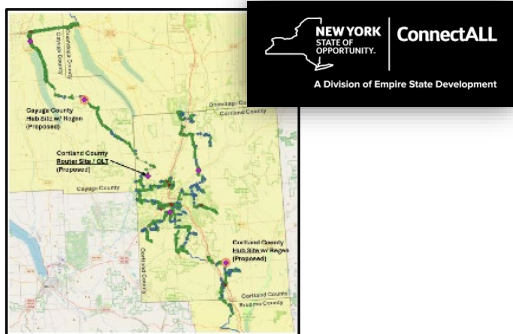
Planning Department

Administration

- **SDP – Tracking Dashboard W/ Annual Reports**



- **Broadband Project – MIP Application Submitted**



- **Education & Outreach**



- Accepted into **Rural Energy Academy**
 - o 3 month technical assistance **sprint** to help counties navigate energy-related challenge



- **Housing Needs Assessment**
 - o Community Survey – Help Lead the Future of Housing Growth:
 - Link: <https://arcg.is/0q9fya>



- **2026 Cortland Counts Community Forum** (Event Schedule attached)
 - o **Presenting & Tabling**



- **Housing Workgroup**



- **Micron Steering Committee**

- **Snowmobile Grant**
 - ✓ 2025 – 2026:
 - Phase 3 – Ongoing review of monthly Expenditures for the 2025–2026 season
- **Grants & Initiatives**
 - DOS Brownfield Grant Opportunity – **AWARDED!**
 - County Infrastructure Grant Program – Reviewing LOI's
 - **Marathon Substation Modernization Project:** (\$7-8M Total project cost)
 - NYSEDA Resilience Grant Application – **Selected** – DOE Review (\$2,594,400)
 - ARC IJA Pre-Application – **Selected** – Full application next (\$900,000)
 - USDA Basic Agency

Regional Partnerships

SOUTHERN TIER 8 REGIONAL BOARD

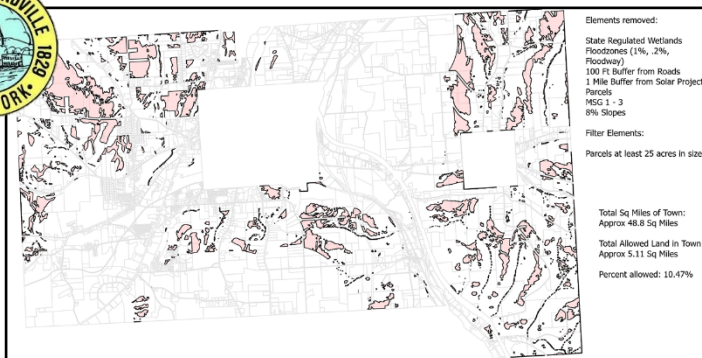
- ARC Workshop/Applications
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GIS

Cortland County's ArcGIS Applications	October Total views/usage	November Total views/usage	December Total views/usage	January Total Views/usage	February Total Views/usage
GIS Portal (Website Hub)	6367	6855	7157	8156	6443
Instant App (Parcel Viewer)	1872	1337	1123	1283	1033
Workspace (Parcel Viewer)	1262	1049	1114	1294	1125
E-911 and Postal Addressing (Website Hub)	98	143	119	162	186
Solar Siting Buffer Map Tour (Story Map)					350
Abutter Map (Parcel Viewer Tool)	63	65	54	45	51
McGraw Recreational Opportunities (Web Map)	98	103	109	123	114
Food Pantry Locations (Web Map)	N/A	365	N/A	17	N/A

**2026 Parcel Viewer Updates Coming Soon!!

Featured Maps:



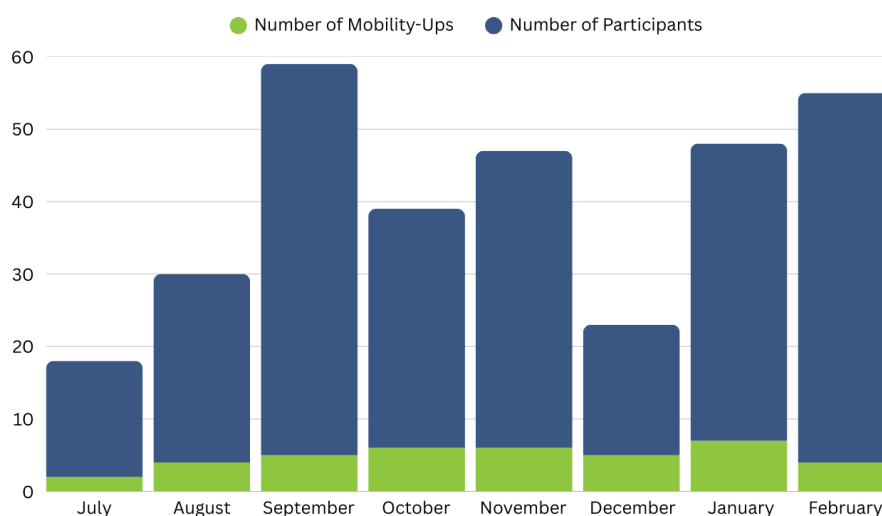
Cortland County Planning Board

- **GML 239 Reviews**
 - 5 Returned for local determination
 - 4 Staff Reports
- **Featured GML's**
 - Town of Cortlandville:
 1. Battery Energy Storage Local Law
 2. Solar Energy Systems Local Law
 - Town of Cincinnatus – Comprehensive plan
 - Town of Solon – Solon Zoning Law

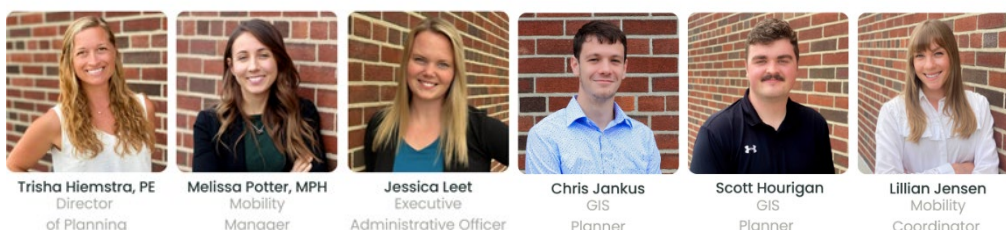
Mobility Management

- ❖ 2025 Annual Report
- ❖ 2026 Site Review Preparation
- ❖ Professional Development – Attended Transit Retreat
- ❖ Transportation Advisory Committee - *February 2, 2026 Minutes Attached*
- ❖ Centro Operations
 - Full, uninterrupted service
 - Hiring drivers, cleaners and mechanics – New Class in April
 - Experimental service changes to Routes 1-4 (*Brochure Attached*)
 - Centro Board approved resolution to procure electronic fareboxes – *February 27, 2026*
- ❖ Connectivity Subcommittee
 - Ongoing coordination with the Health Department on walk audits, sidewalk Inventory and GIS Mapping in progress
 - Submitted America Walks Grant (\$2,000) – Cross Department collaboration with Health Department
- ❖ Collaboration & Grants
 - Exploring Transit Ready NY Grant
 - AARP Grant Submitted (\$12,000)
 - Working with the Community Foundation on reducing transportation barriers for public outreach events
 - Collaborating with ATI on Age Friendly Grant and CAPCO on ITN America Technology
 - Working with GIS Planner to create more maps for accessibility via public transit to medical facilities, grocery and non-profit agencies
- ❖ Travel Training
 - Case Management and development of custom travel plans for individual riders
- ❖ Education & Outreach
 - In February, attended 3 Job Seeks Workshops
 - Mobility Meet-ups Program
 - Completed 43 meet-ups, serving 293 participants (*Graph Below*)
 - Presentations with OFA's LASS Sites in collaboration with Health Department Traffic Safety Program
 - Completed LASS site presentations, serving 82 participants

Total Number of Mobility Meet-ups and Participants Served



OUR TEAM:



EVENT SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9:00 AM **REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**
CONNECT WITH TABLING ORGANIZATIONS

9:00 - 9:15 AM **OPENING REMARKS**
JACKIE COOPER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SEVEN VALLEYS HEALTH COALITION
LEA WEBB, NEW YORK STATE SENATOR (SENATE DISTRICT 52)
ROBYN SMITH, EXCELLUS BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD, EVENT SPONSOR

9:15 - 9:40 AM **COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (CHA) & COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP) AND LIVED EXPERIENCES IN CORTLAND COUNTY**
HINAL PATEL, EPIDEMIOLOGY MANAGER, CORTLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
GREG RICHARDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CORTLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

9:40 - 10:10 AM **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN CORTLAND COUNTY**
MICHAEL PONTICIELLO, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, CORTLAND COUNTY
MELANIE VILARDI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CORTLAND COUNTY IDA/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

10:10 - 10:35 AM **HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND CORTLAND HOUSING UPDATES**
TRISHA HIEMSTRA, DIRECTOR, CORTLAND COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
CATHY BISCHOFF, CORTLAND COUNTY LEGISLATOR

10:35 - 10:45 AM **BREAK**
CONNECT WITH TABLING ORGANIZATIONS

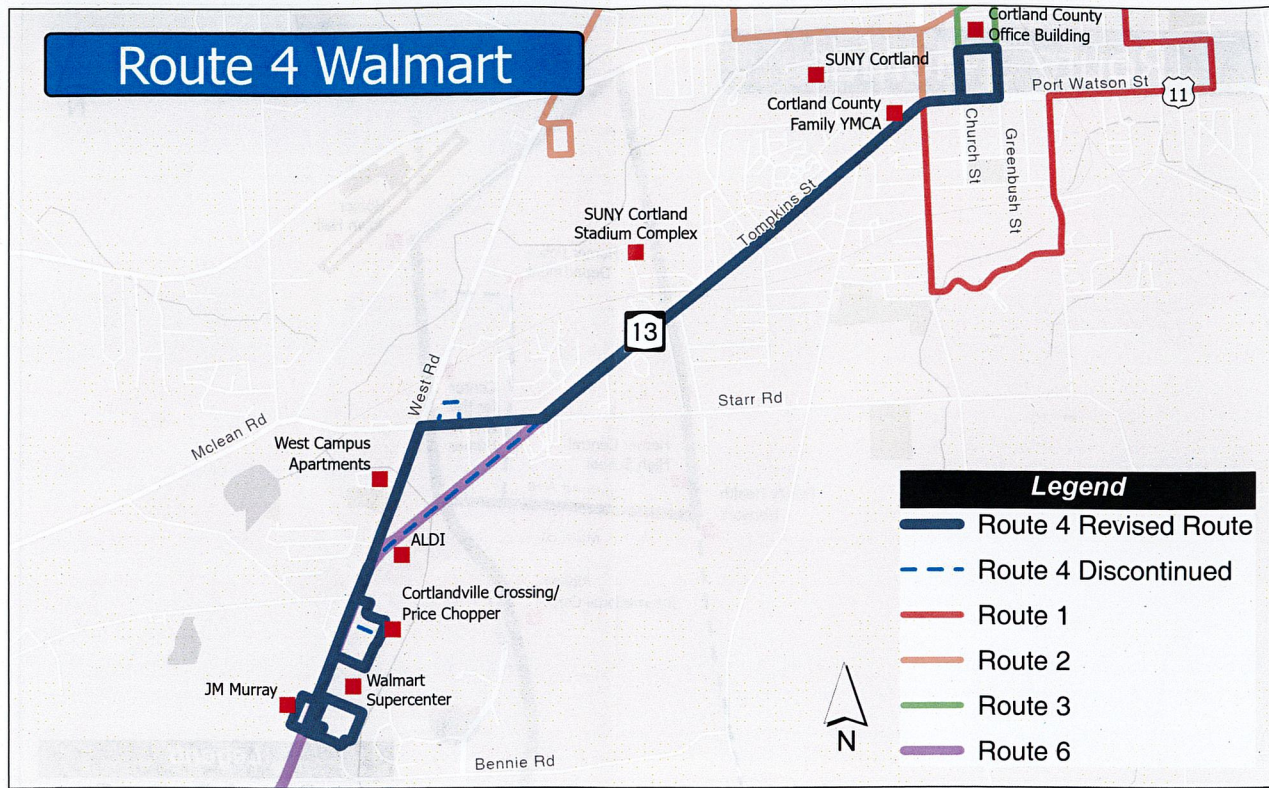
10:45 - 11:30 AM **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**
2025-2030 NEW YORK STATE PREVENTION AGENDA
DR. JAMES MCDONALD, M.D., M.P.H
COMMISSIONER, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

11:30 - 12:25 PM **LUNCH**
CONNECT WITH ATTENDEES AND TABLING ORGANIZATIONS

EVENT SCHEDULE

12:25 - 1:10 PM	PANEL: ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY IN CORTLAND COUNTY BRIAN MCMANUS, CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER, FOOD BANK OF CNY AVERY MCLOUD, PROJECT MANAGER, SEVEN VALLEYS HEALTH COALITION COLIN MOORE, PROGRAM MANAGER, CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CORTLAND COUNTY JOANNE BROWN-GARRINGER, CORTLAND-CHENANGO RURAL SERVICES FOOD PANTRY BILLIE MACNABB, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, CORTLAND COUNTY DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES ROBYN SMITH, EXCELLUS BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD, <i>MODERATOR</i>
1:10 - 1:30 PM	WORK IS NOT JUST WORK: BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH EMPLOYMENT LAURA MAURER, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING SPECIALIST, CORTLAND WORKS CAREER CENTER ALEX MIKOWSKI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE
1:30 - 1:50 PM	FROM CHALLENGES TO PREVENTION: FAMILY HEALTH NETWORK'S COMMITMENT TO RURAL COMMUNITY HEALTH KIM OSBORNE, PRESIDENT/CEO, FAMILY HEALTH NETWORK KATE O'BRIEN, CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER, FAMILY HEALTH NETWORK
1:50 - 2:05 PM	HOME VISITING PROGRAMS AS PRIMARY PREVENTION DEANNA PACE, PROGRAM MANAGER, CORTLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (CAPCO) MALINDA REES, FAMILY SERVICES DIRECTOR, CHILD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
2:05 - 2:20 PM	PREVENTION IN PRACTICE: WHAT'S WORKING IN CORTLAND COUNTY MELISSA SIMMONS, DIRECTOR, CORTLAND PREVENTION SERVICES
2:20 - 2:35 PM	ALCOHOL AND CANNABIS USE IN CORTLAND'S DISABILITY COMMUNITY: LOCAL DATA AND STRATEGIES ALISON MCCABE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, CANDLE COALITION STEFANIA BUTA, DATA COORDINATOR, CANDLE COALITION
2:35 - 2:50 PM	FOR THE COMMUNITY, BY THE COMMUNITY: INCREASING EQUITY AND AUTONOMY THROUGH CLIENT-LED PROGRAMMING BRYN CARR, DIRECTOR, CORTLAND COLLECTIVE IMPACT INITIATIVES
2:50 - 3:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS ANNA KELLES, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER (125 TH DISTRICT) ANNA WELLS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SEVEN VALLEYS HEALTH COALITION

Route 4 Walmart



We have increased the frequency of direct service from popular origins to popular destinations and back again including:

Route 1 Riverside -

- Cortland City south and east sides to/from:
 - Cortland High School
 - Future site of Cortland County Mental Health facility on Port Watson and Pendleton
 - Riverside Plaza

Route 2 West Rd -

- Cortland City north and west sides including Friendship House to/from:
 - Groton Ave SUNY Campus
 - Hospital
 - Medical Centers on West Rd
 - Grand Union

Route 3 Homer -

- Village of Homer to/from:
 - Hospital
 - Connection to all routes at County Office Building

Route 4 Walmart -

- Connecting all City routes at County Office Building to/from:
 - Tompkins St SUNY Campus
 - Cortlandville Plaza
 - JM Murray
 - Walmart
 - Cortlandville Crossing

Now Hiring

Central New York's public transportation provider for over 50 years is currently seeking individuals that will help drive the success of the transportation industry in Cortland County.

Ideal candidates are self-motivated, energetic and passionate about working in the public transportation field. In addition, leadership qualities and exceptional interpersonal and communication skills are required.

Centro offers great pay and benefits and the chance to work in a professional environment.

To apply online or to download an application, go to: **www.centro.org/careers**.

If you have questions concerning employment at Centro, please contact:

Danielle Raineri - HR Associate

Phone: (315)442-3318

Email: Draineri@centro.org

Contact Centro

Email: cnyrta@centro.org

Call Center / Lost & Found:

(607) 605-5555

Call-A-Bus:

(315) 442-3434

Mail: 200 Cortland Ave, Syracuse, NY 13205



www.centro.org



Effective: March 2, 2026

Experimental Service Changes

More improvements to the Centro of Cortland City service are coming soon!

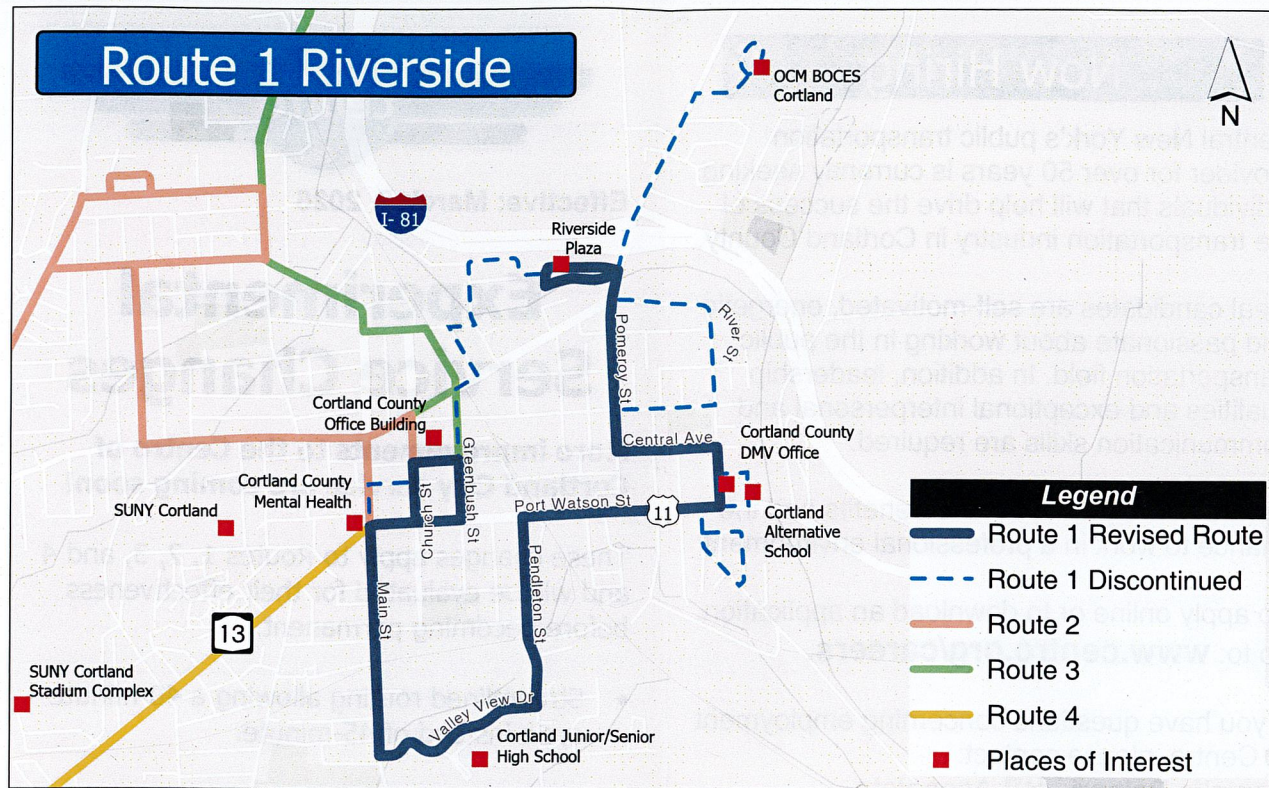
These changes apply to Routes 1, 2, 3, and 4 and will be evaluated for their effectiveness before becoming permanent.

- Streamlined routing allowing a 40-minute cycle instead of 45-minute.
- More direct service to destinations as requested by customers and community organizations.
- Buses will stay out of the SUNY Cortland campus, but will provide access to entry points along the main roads.
- Increased total trip count from 16 to 18 trips per day.

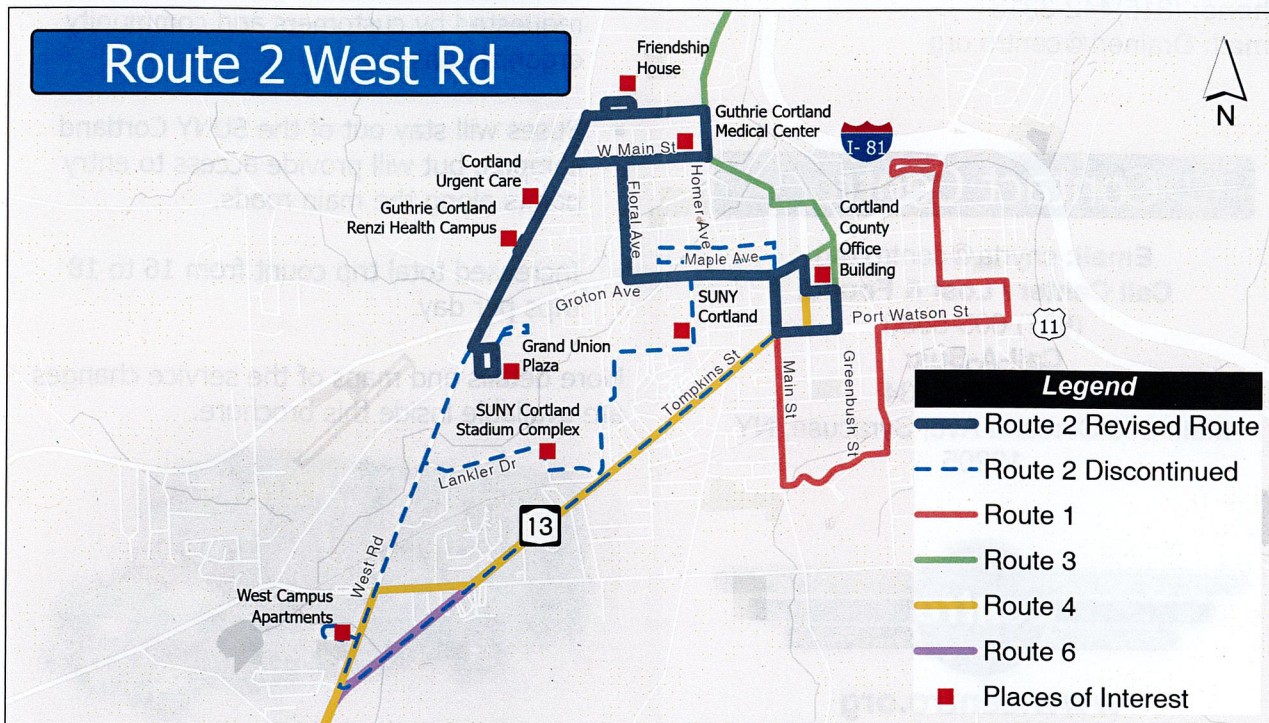
More details and maps of the service changes are available inside this brochure.



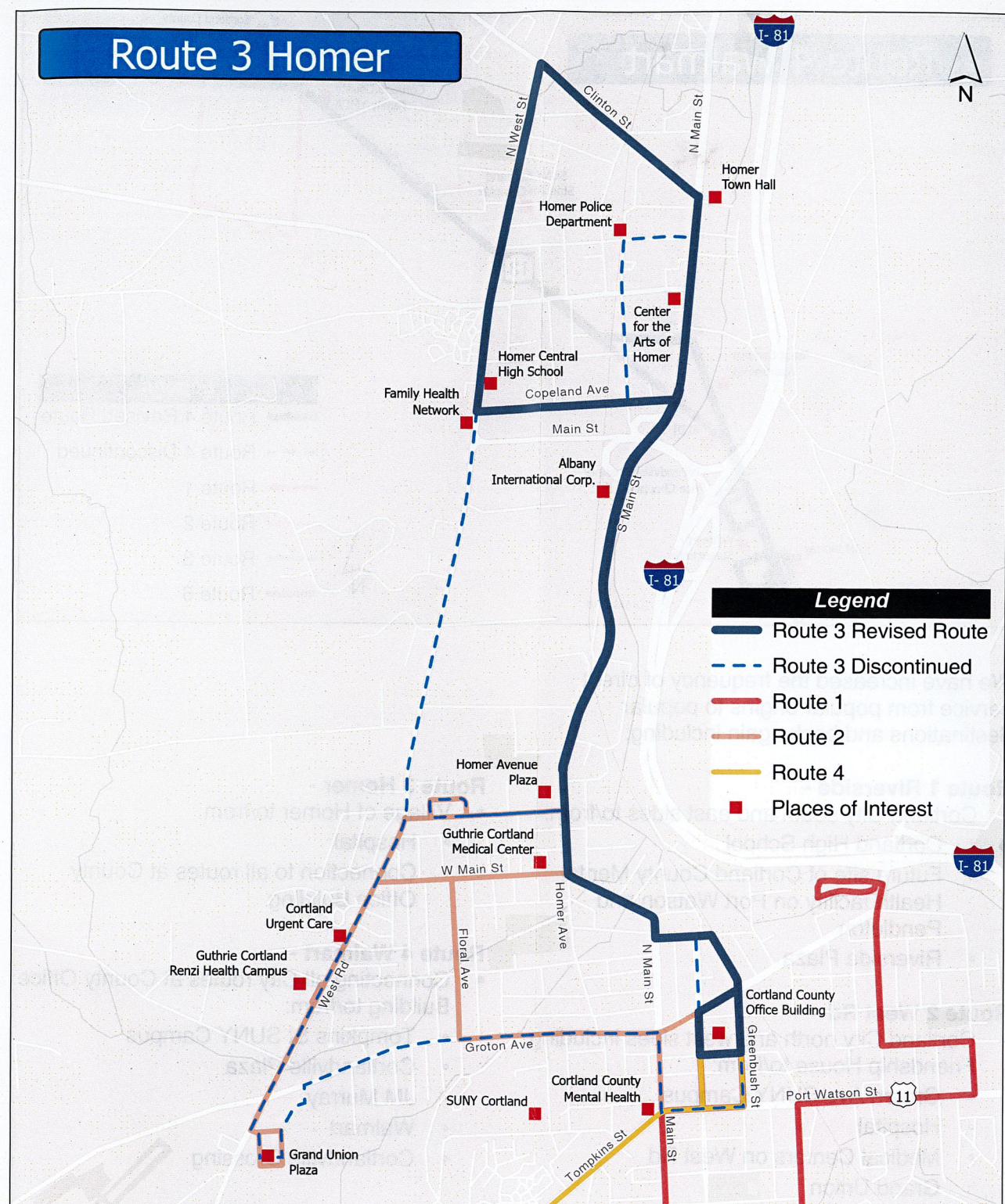
Route 1 Riverside



Route 2 West Rd



Route 3 Homer



Cortland County Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2026
10:00AM

CORTLAND COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
Room 302

	Facilitator: Melissa Potter- Chair Secretary: J. Hillman
MEETING CALLED BY:	Melissa Potter @ 10:01
MEETING TYPE	Organizational Meeting (quorum achieved with 9 appointed members)
ATTENDEES	Appointed: Tim Lockwood (26), Amy Buggs (26), Patricia Schaap (26), Jackie Cooper (27), Christopher Maroney (27), Jennifer Hillman (27), Brandy Fetterly (28), Alex Mikowski (28), Olivia Gehm (28), Brandy Strauf (28), Melissa Potter (Ex-officio), Beau Harbin (Ex-officio) Others: See Sign-in Sheet
ABSENT APPOINTEES	Shannon Coffin, Amy Buggs, Bren Daiss, Brandy Fetterly
ITEM #1	Introductions/Administrative Actions
DISCUSSION	Approve October 2025 Minutes Motion by Alex Mikowski to approve minutes as provided Second by Chris Maroney <i>Approval of motion by vote of members</i>
ITEM #2	Nomination/Election of Officers for 2026 Term
DISCUSSION	- Current Officers: Melissa Potter, Chair; Alex Mikowski, Vice Chair; Jennifer Hillman, Secretary - Nominations: Retain current slate - New Officers: Melissa Potter, Chair; Alex Mikowski, Vice Chair; Jennifer Hillman, Secretary Motion by Jackie Cooper to nominate and elect current slate of officers to 2026 term Second By Tim Lockwood <i>Approval of motion by vote of members</i> - Secretary will provide information to Clerk of Legislature
ITEM #3	Establishment of Day and Time of Regular Meetings 2026
DISCUSSION	- Tentative Meeting Schedule: - April 20, 2026 - July 20, 2026 - October 19, 2026 - January 25, 2027 (Organizational Meeting) - Time of meeting at 10am, Room 302 COB (if available)

	Motion by Jackie Cooper set the 2026 meeting schedule as proposed Second by Alex Mikowski <i>Approval of motion by vote of members</i> ○ Secretary will schedule and reserve room
ITEM #4	Review of TAC By-Laws
DISCUSSION	• Discussion of Existing TAC Bylaws last revised 2022 ○ No revisions recommended Motion by Chris Maroney for Secretary to update 2022 TAC Bylaws with last Review as Feb 2, 2026 Second by Olivia Gehm <i>Approval of motion by vote of members</i> ○ Secretary will annotate on document
ITEM #5	Centro Updates
DISCUSSION	• 2025 Ridership Updates (October-Dec 2025) ○ Averaging about 200 riders a day ▪ paratransit 7-8 riders per day • Upcoming Route/Service Changes WEBSITE/INFORMATION ○ Effective March 2, City Routes 1,2,3,4 changes as Pilot Routes; Changes to have Public Hearing to follow in Fall ▪ CORTLAND SERVICE CHANGES BROCHURE ○ Routes have been circles and will adjust to linear (Out and back) ○ Still allowing flag down service; planning to install bus stop signs in Spring ○ Go from 16 to 18 trips per day within 6 am to 6 pm window ○ The city routes were discussed, with changes to improve service frequency and efficiency, including a 40-minute frequency for most routes. ○ The proposed changes to route 1 and route 2 are detailed, including adjustments to serve areas more effectively. ○ Detail provided for the proposed changes to route 3 and 4 including serving new areas and improving service frequency. ○ No Buses through the SUNY campus ▪ SUNY wants a discussion with CENTRO for shuttle service on Campus like other location ▪ SUNY students can still access the fixed routes along Tompkins street on route 2 (until march 2nd) then route 4 after route changes go into effect on March 2nd. ○ Electronic Fare Boxes in procurement in Fall? ○ Fleet updating to include tracking software as new buses

	cycled from Syracuse expected 2028 ○ Inquiry for possibility of Increasing TC3 route- ▪ SUNY ReConnect: increased population of parents/with children ▪ May be outside of operation hours
ITEM #6	Mobility Management Updates
DISCUSSION	● Submitted 5310 Application ○ Application was submitted in November, which includes funding for a full-time volunteer driver dispatch coordinator, capital funds for two wheelchair-accessible vans and operating assistance for volunteer driver program and first mile/last mile and pilot health shuttle program for seniors and people with disabilities. ○ The Mobility Management office will serve as a single point of access for transportation coordination. ○ The pilot will offer demand-responsive service providing feeder connections to Centro's fixed routes avoiding duplication of fixed-route operations and targeted trips to health care providers, pharmacies, grocery stores, and social service agencies. ● Community Collaboration & Grants ○ ATI – Age Friend Go Local Grant ▪ Conversation with funder ○ CAPCO – ITN America Technology & Volunteer Driver ▪ Bi-weekly training calls ▪ 1 driver for MAS currently- trying to expand ▪ 2-year grant for funding ○ AARP Grant ▪ Flagship grant \$10-15,000 ● Updating Coordinated Transportation Plan ○ May be reaching out to partners ● Education & Outreach ○ Mobility Meet-Up Program – Completed 32 meet-ups, serving 201 participants ▪ Regularly visit Friendship House and Towers ▪ If there are locations or groups that would like us to come speak to their clients or staff, please let us know. ○ Access Food Pantry GIS Map ▪ Other mapping projects to consider: ● Non-Profits ● Grocery ● Medical Centers ○ Transportation & Traffic Safety Presentations LASS Sites ● Travel Training ○ Case Management & Custom Travel Plans ▪ Working with individuals, one-on-one getting them to their destinations. Coordinating with

	OFA, customizing travel plans, filling out CAB applications; scheduling CAB trips for folks. ○ On the Move Sessions ● Professional Development ○ Transit Retreat March 4 & 5
ITEM #7	Office for Aging – GoGo Grandparent Update
DISCUSSION	● Update on the Go-Go Grandparent program, which provides transportation for seniors using local cab companies. ○ 25,000 from NYSOFA ○ currently only case managed clients from OFA ○ Contracting Collegtown Cab ○ Can support out of town medical appointments ● OFA Bus, at least twice a week having to do two runs a week ○ Shopping trips in Friday- 5 or 6 regularly ○ Nature walks
ITEM #8	Proposed Local Law to Ensure Safety of Vulnerable Road Users in Cortland County
DISCUSSION	● Discussion of proposed Local law brought by Beau Harbin Minimum 3-foot safe passing law RESOLVED, that the Transportation Advisory Committee of Cortland County unanimously supports the proposed draft language for a Cortland County Local Law to enhance the safety of vulnerable road users in Cortland County, as presented and discussed at the February 2, 2026 meeting. Motion to approve by Jackie Cooper as proposed Second by Alex Mikowski <i>Approval of motion by vote of members</i> ○ Secretary will provide information to Clerk of Legislature
ITEM #9	Subcommittee Updates
DISCUSSION	● Connectivity Subcommittee ○ Sidewalk Inventory McGraw; ▪ work paused during weather ○ Walk Audit Survey/Event in McGraw; ▪ survey out Feb 9-March 9 McGraw Survey Link ▪ Walk Event planned for April ○ Social Media ▪ social media campaign to promote public transit and recreational access as community events during operating hours ○ Funding /Sustainability ▪ potential for applying for a \$2,000 grant from the AARP to support the social media campaign.

ITEM #10	Funding Opportunities
DISCUSSION	Other Agency Opportunities/Status
ITEM #11	Round Table
DISCUSSION	• DOT ○ VRU design project (at schools) McGraw, Homer, Cortland end of 3rd Quart or early next year ▪ Rapid Rectangular Flashing ○ HSIP funded ○ TAP application open; sidewalk infrastructure ○ ITRSMR – Walk Bike and Roll Tarrytown in June • Health Department ○ Already discussed work related to Connectivity Subcommittee • Traffic Safety Board ○ Organizational Meeting January 7th; reelected slate of Officers for 2026 term ▪ Chief Robert Pitman Chair, Jennifer Hillman Vice Chair, Eric Mulvihill Secretary ○ Discussed pedestrian Fatality on Main Street and implementation of Leading Pedestrian Interval countermeasure at select locations in City • SUNY Cortland ○ Looking at FLIX bus stop on Campus • ATI ○ Will Testify at Joint senate ADA minimum distance for transportation access ○ 1115 waiver • Planning Department ○ Housing needs assessment survey out on cards 
	Next meeting:
ADJOURN	• The meeting ended at approximately – 11:13 am

